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**Alex R. Munson**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Cal State (Long Beach) 1964 BA, 1965 MA; USC 1970 EdD;  
Loyola Marymount 1975 JD  
Began Service: November 14, 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Term Expires: November 2008  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Affiliation:** Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau  
**Judicial:** Chief Justice of the High Court, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (1982-1993)

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**José Antonio Fusté**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Puerto Rico 1965 BBA, 1968 LLB  
Began Service: 1985  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Professor of Admiralty Law, University of Puerto Rico (1972-1985); Professor of Admiralty Law, University of Puerto Rico (1996-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Jimenez & Fuste (1968-1985)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Bar Association of District of Columbia; Bar Association of Puerto Rico; Federal Bar Association; Maritime Law Association; Southeastern Admiralty Institute

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**Héctor M. Laffitte**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1934  
Education: Inter American 1955 BA; Puerto Rico 1958 LLB;  
Georgetown 1960 LLM  
Began Service: August 1983  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Affiliation:** Member (R), Chambers of Member Hector M. Laffitte, Judicial Conference of the United States

**Legal Practice:** Hartzell, Fernandez & Novas (1959-1964); Private Practice (1965-1966); Nachman, Feldstein, Laffitte & Smith (1966-1969); Laffitte & Domínguez (1970-1983)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Institute of Judicial Administration

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**Carmen Consuelo Cerezo**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Puerto Rico 1963 BA, 1966 LLB  
Began Service: 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, United States District Court (1967-1972)

**Judicial:** Judge, Puerto Rico Superior Court (1972-1976); Judge, Puerto Rico Court of Intermediate Appeals (1976-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Benny Frankie Cerezo, Esq. (1966-1967)

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**Juan M. Pérez-Giménez**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: Puerto Rico 1963 BA; George Washington 1965 MBA;  
Puerto Rico 1968 LLB  
Began Service: 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, District of Puerto Rico, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1971-1975); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (1975-1979)

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**Daniel R. Domínguez**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Boston U 1967 BA; Puerto Rico 1970 LLB  
Began Service: November 1, 1994  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Legal Practice:** Associate Counsel, Hector M. Laffitte Law Offices (1970-1973); Partner, Lafitte & Domínguez Law Offices (1973-1980); Partner, Laffitte, Domínguez & Totti Law Offices (1980-1983); Partner, Domínguez & Totti Law Offices (1983-1994)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve

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**Jay A. García-Gregory**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Assumption Col 1966 AB; Puerto Rico 1972 LLB  
Began Service: August 1, 2000  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Lecturer(part-time), University of Puerto Rico (1975-1976)

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